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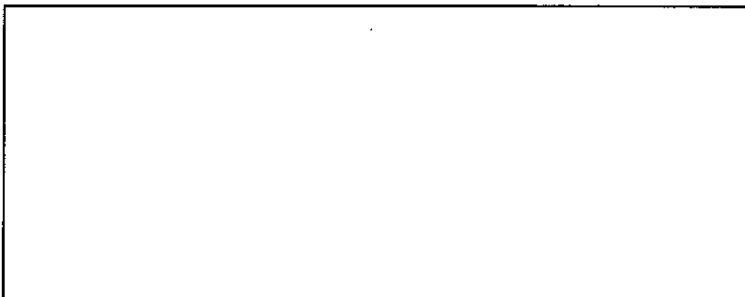


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LEADERSHIP PURGE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

2. (U) This week the radical "Taliban" faction of President Chavez's Fifth Republic Movement (MVR) deposed Ernesto Alvarenga as head of their National Assembly faction and Alejandro Armas as President of both the Finance Commission and the Special Commission on Understanding (a.k.a., the "Dialogue" commission responsible for reviewing the Enabling Law package.) In place of Alvarenga, a three-person committee will run the MVR faction's affairs until a formal leader is appointed on January 7. The press reports that the MVR is considering disciplining both Alvarenga and Armas, which may lead to their expulsion from the party.

3. (U) Armas complained publicly that 1) these moves are contrary to the MVR's bylaws and that 2) his appointment as president of the commission was made by the National Assembly, not the party. He states he will continue presiding over the commission. Alvarenga has not commented about this change of fate.



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